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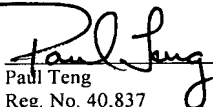
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For: FLOW DETECTOR WITH LEAD-THROUGHS AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION

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Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the references listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto which were cited in a March 30, 2005 official Communication and European Search Report in connection with European Application No. EP 03 01 8632 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the March 30, 2005 Communication and European Search Report is enclosed herewith. Other references cited in the European Search Report were previously disclosed by Applicants to the U.S. Patent Office and/or are otherwise already of record in connection with this application, and therefore are not listed on the annexed Form PTO-1449.

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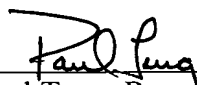
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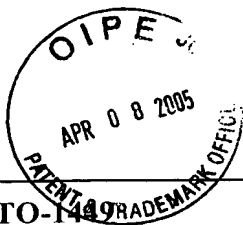
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